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In re Application of :  
Dennis G. THIBEDAU, et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/888,382 : Group Art Unit: 2858  
Filed: June 26, 2001 : Examiner: not yet assigned  
For: ALTERNATOR TESTING METHOD AND SYSTEM USING TIMED  
APPLICATION OF LOAD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows. A mark-up version showing changes made is also attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 6 as follows:

Alternator output signal 151 is then fed to a detection circuit 109. Detection circuit 109 generates a parameter signal 153 representative of parameters of the alternator output signal 151, such as ripple amplitude, voltage level and the like. This current may use conventional filtering and load detection to produce the desired alternator parameters.

Copending non-provisional patent application serial number 09/888,385, filed concurrently herewith and titled "Alternator Testing Method and System Using Ripple Detection," by the same inventors and commonly assigned, describes a particular ripple

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